

Georgia Department of Human Resources

BREAST & CERVICAL CANCER PROGRAM

BreasTEST & MORE

WHAT:

- Provides breast and cervical cancer screening and follow-up at no cost for eligible women who are low income, uninsured and between the ages of 40-64 years.
- Provides cervical cancer screening and diagnostic evaluation at no cost to eligible women who are low income, uninsured and between 18-64 years of age.
- Is part of the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program, funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) through grants to all states, and funded by the state of Georgia.

WHERE:

- Eligible women can receive breast and cervical cancer screening services through county health departments or other participating providers. Women who meet eligibility guidelines may receive a clinical breast examination, Pap test, pelvic examination, and a mammogram at a local radiology facility. Referrals are made for diagnostic work-up through local participating providers when needed.
- All participating mammogram facilities are certified by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA). All pathology laboratories meet the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA) standards.
- Participating physicians and health care facilities provide diagnostic services.

WHY:

- Approximately 6,000 Georgia women are diagnosed with breast cancer and 410 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer every year.
- More than 1,000 women lose their lives from breast cancer and 120 from cervical cancer every year. A disproportionate number of deaths occur among women of minority and/or low-income groups.
- Routine screening can prevent approximately 15 to 30 percent of deaths from breast cancer among women over 40 years of age and virtually all deaths from cervical cancer.
- When breast cancer is diagnosed and treated at a local stage, the five-year survival rate is 97 percent.
- For women found to have pre-cancerous cervical lesions or to have cervical cancer in its earliest stage, survival is almost 100 percent.
- By offering appropriate cancer screening at no or low cost to Georgia women, we are helping to reduce mortality from breast and cervical cancer.

Contact your county Public Health Department and ask for the BreasTEST & MORE coordinator; or you may contact the Georgia Department of Human Resources, Division of Public Health, Chronic Disease Prevention & Health Promotion Branch at 404-657-6611.

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